SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister inform the House whether the Government are taking any other steps to encourage artists for the development of art and culture? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A ' Sahitya Academy has been formed by the Government of India and steps are being taken in our State to form regional academies."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I heard the Hon. Minister to say that real poetry cannot be encouraged by this method. Are we to understand that any Government encouragement would mean ' devoid of reality '? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" One thing is clear. Government patronage will not produce poetry, real or unreal, but a certain amount of unreal poetry can be produced by patronage of some kind. But that is not poetry."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion, namely, that they could really inspire poetry and art by taking more artistic and poetic personalities into the Cabinet? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The experience of all countries is against Government patronage."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government say that poetry cannot be inspired by this method. Will the Government be pleased to reward inspired poets? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That was done. But when we came to a stage when further encouragement by money grants was to be considered, we stopped it. There were a certain number of inspired poets, but we cannot go on manufacturing poets."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what is the amount that the Government stand to gain by the abolition of these posts? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not a question of gain, Sir. However, that an incentive to flatterers and others has been stopped is a gain."

Palace servants of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 969 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and category of servants discontinued from the Palace service of the former Pudukkottai State after merger of Pudukkottai with Madras;

(*b*) whether the Palace servants belonged to the State Government Service of the former Pudukkottai State Service; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for such discontinuance?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) A statement[a] giving the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Only those holding pensionable posts belonged to the Pudukkottai State Government Service.

" (*c*) They have been discharged for want of corresponding posts in the Madras Services after merger."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was compensation promised to these discontinued employees and if so, may I know whether the promise has been fulfilled during this period of five years and if not, why not? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry. I wish it had been included in the question. I do not wish to examine the file just now for that purpose."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Are there no corresponding posts in the Governor's House in this State and could not they be usefully absorbed in that establishment? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is already overfilled."

Irrigation canal supplying water to Villupuram lake.

* 970 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the agriculturists in Villupuram have through their petition, submitted to the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue in person some months ago, represented to the Government the unsatisfactory nature of the irrigation canal supplying water to the Villupuram lake and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Petitions on the subject were received by the Government only in March and April 1953 and they have been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for report."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In view of the constant encroachments made on the canal by villagers who are not entitled to take to such tampering, may I request the Hon. the Finance Minister to instruct his departmental officials to see that no such tampering takes place to the disadvantage of the ryots of Villupuram lake? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is addressed to the Hon. the Finance Minister."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" No. It is addressed to the Hon. the Revenue Minister."

Reduction in prices of yarn.

* 971 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the steps 9–20 a.m.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 1284-1285 infra.